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PART II. OFFICIAL PAPERS.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

Food Situation for the week ending 27th November 1920.

*Brief abstract of the special reports regarding the food situation for the week ending
27th November 1920.*

Bangalore City.—During the week under report 113 carts of ragi and 20 carts of paddy came into the bazaar as against 107 carts of ragi and 21 carts of paddy in the previous week.

The price of ragi ranged from Rs. 82 to Rs. 89-8-0 per cart during the week against Rs. 80 to Rs. 88 per cart in the previous week.

There is sufficient stock of rice and ragi in the bazaar for consumers to buy.

The three Municipal Test Depots are selling Rangoon rice to the poor. The importers are also selling rice to the public at their depots.

Mysore City.—Market is fairly supplied.

Rice second class is being sold at $4\frac{1}{4}$ seers a rupee and ragi at 9 seers a rupee.

Bangalore District.—The rainfall was general throughout the district. Many of the tanks have not received sufficient supply of water for the paddy crops, which is reported to be withering for want of rain in Magadi and Anekal Taluks. The standing crops are reported to be in good condition.

The markets are fairly well supplied, but the prices of ragi, rice and Burma rice continue to be high.

Mysore District.—No change.

Tumkur District.—There was light rain in the taluks of Maddagiri, Sira, Tiptur and Kunigal and in the two sub-taluks. Supply of food stuffs is adequate. Price of ragi continues to be high being Rs. 84 a cart-load, while that of paddy has gone down to Rs. 75 a cart-load. Large quantities of Alur rice have been imported by local merchants and it is being sold at $4\frac{1}{2}$ to 5 seers a rupee. Local rice is sold at $3\frac{1}{4}$ to 4 seers a rupee. There being no demand for Burma rice, all the Government Depots remain closed.

Kolar District.—Report not received.

Hassan District.—There was a light fall of rain in many parts of the district during the week.

Markets are fairly well supplied with food grains. Standing crops are in a good condition.

The prospects of the season are generally good for the present.

Shimoga District.—There has been no rain in the district during the week except at Channagiri which had 25 cents. Markets are fairly supplied.

Standing crops are reported to be in a fair condition. Paddy crop is reported to have withered in parts of Shikarpur Taluk.

Prospects of the season are fair.

No change in the food situation.

Kadur District.—Food stuffs are available in all the markets in sufficient quantities to meet the local demand. There appears to be no likelihood of the high prices going down.

Makki paddy, in the Narasimharajapura Sub-Taluk, requires rain.

Chitaldrug District.—There was no rain in the district during the week except at Challakere where the fall gauged only 20 cents.

Dry crops in the taluks of Hiriyur, Challakere and Molakalmuru have greatly suffered for want of rain. The white jola crop which has come up well so far requires only an inch of rain without which it would also suffer badly. The price of local rice has gone up by Rs. 2 a palla owing to large export of the same to the British frontier on the Challakere and Molakalmuru side due to the removal of restrictions on the transport of controlled grains within five mile belt. The prices of other grains, which should have fallen continue as before also for the same reason.

General (By Food Controller).—The Bangalore District had some little rain in all its taluks. There has been practically no rain in the other parts of the State. It is however very badly required for the standing crops. The paddy crops in parts of the Bangalore and Shimoga Districts is reported to be withering for want of rain.

The supply of food grains in the markets throughout the State is reported to be adequate but the prices continue to rule high. In the Bangalore City the price of ragi has gone up by a couple of rupees per cart-load.

It is understood that the price of rice (new crop) in the Delta Districts of the Madras Presidency is Rs. 17 per palla. Some of the Bangalore merchants have, it is learnt already gone to the Krishna District to purchase and import large quantities of rice. The import of this rice will, it is expected, bring down the price of local rice also.

The Provincial Grain Depot is continuing to issue Burma rice to Co-operative Societies, merchants and individuals for domestic consumption. The retail sales of Burma rice in the three Municipal Test Depots continue.

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Chief Secretary to Government.

Revised Rules 5 and 21 of the Mysore State Life Insurance.

READ—Letter No. 4696, dated 15th October 1920 from the Secretary, State Life Insurance Committee forwarding for sanction the appended revised rules 5 and 21 of the Official Branch Rules necessitated by the adoption of the procedure of issuing policies after instead of before, payment of the first premium.

ORDER No. Fl. 3580-629—G. F. 99-20-2, dated 4th December 1920.

Sanctioned.

M. N. KRISHNA RAO;

Financial Secretary to Government.

Rule 5.—The age of the proposer shall be taken to be the age at his last birthday or next birthday, whichever may be the nearest to the date on which the first premium is paid. If it be equidistant, it shall be taken to be the age at his last birthday.

Rule 21.—When a proposal for insurance has been accepted, the Secretary shall, without delay, give notice thereof to the proposer through his official superior and call upon the proposer to pay the first premium in cash into a Government Treasury within the date specified in the said notice and to send the treasury receipt therefor to the Insurance Office for issue of policy. On receipt of the said treasury receipt, a policy shall be prepared in the prescribed form signed by the Secretary and forwarded to the insured by registered post.